

**REMARKS**

The amendments to the Specification correct typographical errors.

Claims 13, 16, 21 to 22, 27, 29 to 32, and 38 to 61 are pending after this Amendment.

Claims 41 to 61 are new.

Claims 13, 29, 40 and 55 are independent.

The Office Action objected to claims 13, 20, 23, 25, 29 to 31, 34 to 36 and 40 but indicated that these claims recite patentable subject matter.

This Amendment is intended to place this application in condition for allowance by incorporating in each independent claim subject matter which the Examiner has indicated to be allowable. Specifically:

- Claim 13 has been made independent by incorporating the features of claim 12 from which claim 1 depended (with the exception that ‘adapted’ has been replaced by ‘configured’ for clarity).
- Claim 29 has been made independent by incorporating the features of claims 12 and 20 from which claim 29 previously depended.
- Claim 40 has been made independent by incorporating some (but not all) features from claim 26 from which it depended. Claim 40 recites a post base in which “the bottom surface of the post base comprises a horizontal planar outer portion surrounding a central recessed portion”.
- New independent claim 55 recites a post system which includes “a railing post comprising ... channels in walls of the railing post for engaging fasteners;”.

All dependent claims depend directly or indirectly from one of these independent claims and are submitted to be allowable at least for that reason.

New claims 41 to 61 are submitted to be properly supported by the application, as filed.

Conclusion

The Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of this application in light of the amendments and remarks presented herein.

Respectfully submitted,

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